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IN THE MATTER OF THE AGREEMENT
BETWEEN DISHNET WIRELINE, L.L.C.
(f/k/a LIBERTY-BELL TELECOM, LLC)
AND QWEST CORPORATION dba
CENTURYLINK QC FOR THE
PROVISION OF CENTURYLINK LOCAL
SERVICES PLATFORM

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T-01051B-14-0006

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COMPLIANCE FILING OF
AMENDMENT UNDER PROTEST
AND WITH RESERVATION OF
RIGHTS

Pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 252 (e)(1), the Rules of the Arizona Corporation Commission (“Commission”) regarding filing of interconnection agreements and amendments to interconnection agreements, Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink QC (“CenturyLink”) files the attached Amendment Number Three to CenturyLink Local Services Platform Agreement 2014 (“CLSP-2014”) Service entered into between CenturyLink and dishNET Wireline, L.L.C. (f/k/a Liberty-Bell Telecom, LLC), for approval by the Commission. This Attached Amendment is effective as of January 1, 2014. The attached Amendment shall be referred to as the “Amendment to Commercial CLSP-2014 Agreement.” As explained below, CenturyLink objects to being required to file the Amendment to Commercial CLSP-2014 Agreement for approval and likewise takes the position that the Commission lacks the authority to review, approve, amend, or reject the Amendment to Commercial CLSP-2014 Agreement, in whole or in part. CenturyLink is therefore filing the attached Amendment to Commercial CLSP-2014 Agreement under protest and with a reservation of rights as explained below.

CenturyLink’s filing of the Amendment to Commercial CLSP-2014 Agreement under protest is the result of the order entered by the Commission on September 9, 2005 in Docket

1 Nos. T-01051B-04-0540 and T-03574A-04-0540 (the "MCI Filing Order"). In that order, the
2 Commission denied CenturyLink's Motion to Dismiss the Agreement Filing of MCImetro
3 Access Transmission Services, L.L.C. ("MCI"). In the MCI Filing Order, the Commission
4 concluded that the Commercial QPP Agreement between CenturyLink and MCI is subject to the
5 Commission's jurisdiction and that the Telecommunications Act of 1996 ("the Act") required
6 CenturyLink and MCImetro to file the agreement and seek the Commission's approval of it.

7 The Amendment to Commercial CLSP-2014 Agreement filed by CenturyLink in this
8 docket, with the exception of the name of the party with whom CenturyLink is contracting to
9 provide CLSP Service, addresses the same services as those in the Commercial QPP™
10 Agreement filed by MCI in Docket Nos. T-01051B-04-0540 and T-03574A-04-0540.

11 Pursuant to the Federal Communications Commission's rulings in the *Triennial Review*
12 *Order*¹ and the *Triennial Review Remand Order*,² incumbent local exchange carriers ("ILECs")
13 like CenturyLink are no longer required to provide mass market switching, shared transport, and
14 certain other services under Section 251 of the Act.³ Notwithstanding these rulings, CenturyLink
15 has voluntarily determined that it will provide mass market switching and shared transport
16 services under the CLSP-2012 Agreement. In *Qwest Corporation v. Arizona Corporation*
17 *Commission* (the "*Covad Arbitration Decision*"), the United States District Court for the District
18 of Arizona recently ruled that the Commission does not have the authority to require
19 CenturyLink to include in its arbitrated interconnection agreements obligations to provide
20 network elements that, per rulings of the Federal Communications Commission, CenturyLink is
21 not required to provide under Section 251.⁴ This ruling recognizes that while Congress gave
22 state commissions authority to impose and enforce requirements involving the unbundled

23 ¹ *In the Matter of Review of the Section 251 Unbundling Obligations of Incumbent Local Exchange Carriers*, Report
24 and Order, 17 FCC Rcd 16978 (2003).

25 ² *In the Matter of Unbundled Access to Network Elements and Review of Section 251 Unbundling Obligations*,
Order on Remand, 20 FCC Rcd 2533 (2005).

26 ³ 47 U.S.C. §251.

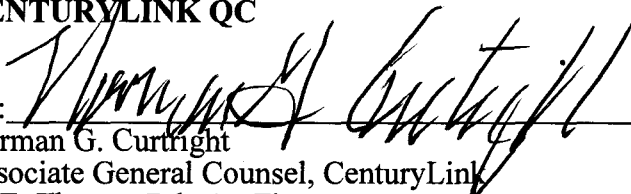
⁴ 496 F. Supp.2d 1069, 1077 (D. Ariz. 2007), *affirmed*, *Qwest Corporation v. Arizona Corporation Commission*,
567 F.3d 1109 (9th C.A. 2009).

1 network elements and services included in Section 251, it specifically did not grant state
2 authority over the elements and services that the FCC has removed from Section 251.⁵ Thus, the
3 Amendment to CLSP-2014 Agreement, which does not include any services required under
4 Section 251, is not subject to review by this Commission. Further, that decision is consistent
5 with those of multiple other federal courts that have ruled that states do not have authority under
6 the Act to impose requirements on services and elements that the FCC has removed from
7 Section 251.⁶

8 Therefore, subject to the foregoing, CenturyLink hereby files the attached Amendment to
9 Commercial CLSP-2014 Agreement under protest and, likewise under protest, seeks the
10 Commission's approval of the Amendment under Section 252(e)(1) of the Act.

11 RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this 9th day of January, 2014.

12 **QWEST CORPORATION dba**
13 **CENTURYLINK QC**

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19 ⁵ *Id.* at 1076-78.

20 ⁶ See e.g. *Verizon New England v. Maine Public Utilities Comm'n, et al.*, Nos. 06-2151, 06-2429, 2007 WL 2509863
21 (1st Cir. Sept. 6, 2007); *DIECA Communications, Inc. v. Florida Public Services Comm'n et al.*, 447 F. Supp. 2d
22 1281 (N.D. Fla. 2006); *Bellsouth Telecommunications, Inc. v. Kentucky Public Service Comm'n, et al.*, No. 06-65-
KKC, 2007 WL 2736544 (E.D. Ky. Sept. 18, 2007); *Michigan Bell Tel. Co. v. Lark, et al.*, No. 06-11982, 2007 WL
2868633 (E.D. Mich. Sept. 26, 2007); *Southwestern Bell Tel., L.P. v. Missouri Public Service Comm'n*, 461 F. Supp.
2d 1055 (E.D. Mo. 2006).

23 In *Qwest Corp. v. Public Utilities Commission of Colorado*, 479 F.3d 1184 (10th Cir. 2007), the 10th Circuit ruled
24 that the Colorado and Utah Commissions had authority to review and approve a Qwest commercial agreement
25 known as "Qwest Platform Plus" under Section 252(e)(1). However, Qwest submits that the decision is incorrect
26 because it concludes erroneously that the commercial agreement at issue in that case related to the duties in
Section 251(b) and (c) involving unbundled network elements and interconnection. The mass market switching and
shared transport that Qwest provides under the agreement at issue here is not provided pursuant to either
Section 251(b) or (c) and therefore does not relate to any of the duties in that section. As such, the agreement is not
an "interconnection agreement" subject to this Commission's review and approval under Section 252(e)(1).

1 **ORIGINAL** and 13 copies of the foregoing
2 filed this 9th ay of January, 2014 with:

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4 Arizona Corporation Commission
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6 Phoenix, AZ 85007

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**AMENDMENT NUMBER THREE TO
CENTURYLINK™ LOCAL SERVICES PLATFORM ("CLSP™") AGREEMENT**

This amendment ("Amendment"), by and between Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink QC ("CenturyLink"), a Colorado corporation, and dishNET Wireline, L.L.C. (f/k/a Liberty-Bell Telecom, LLC) ("CLEC"), a Colorado limited liability company, amends the CenturyLink™ Local Services Platform ("CLSP™") Agreement (formerly known as "Qwest Local Services Platform™" ("QLSP™") Agreement") between the Parties.

WHEREAS, the Parties entered into a Qwest Local Services Platform ("QLSP™") Agreement (now referred to as a CenturyLink™ Local Services Platform ("CLSP™") Agreement) (the "Agreement") with an Effective Date of October 21, 2010; and

WHEREAS, the terms "CenturyLink" and "CLSP" in this Amendment shall be used in place of, and interchangeably with, the terms "Qwest" and "QLSP", respectively, in the Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the Parties agree to amend the Agreement under the terms and conditions contained herein.

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing and the mutual terms, covenants and conditions contained in this Amendment and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, the Parties agree as follows:

Amendment Terms

The Agreement is hereby amended by replacing and adding terms, conditions, and rates, as set forth in Attachment 1 and Exhibit A, attached hereto and incorporated herein by this reference. The provisions included in Attachment 1 are intended to supersede and replace the same numbered provisions in the Agreement and be added to the Agreement to the extent that the applicable numbered provision is not currently in the Agreement.

Effective Date

This Amendment shall be deemed effective on January 1, 2014.

Further Amendments

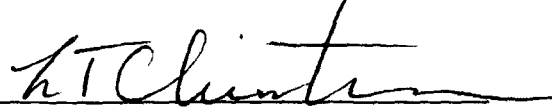

Except as expressly modified by this Amendment, the provisions of the Agreement shall remain unmodified and shall be in full force and effect. The provisions of this Amendment, including the provisions of this sentence, may not be amended, modified or supplemented, and waivers or consents to departures from the provisions of this Amendment may not be given without the written consent thereto by both of the Parties hereto. No waiver by any Party of any default, misrepresentation, or breach of warranty or covenant hereunder, whether intentional or not, will be deemed to extend to any prior or subsequent default, misrepresentation, or breach of warranty or covenant hereunder or affect in any way any rights arising by virtue of any prior or subsequent such occurrence.


Entire Agreement

The Agreement as amended (including by the documents referred to herein) constitutes the full and entire understanding and agreement between the Parties with regard to the subject matter of the Agreement, as amended, and supersedes any prior understandings, agreements, or representations by or between the Parties, written or oral, to the extent they relate in any way to the subject matter of the Agreement, as amended.

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The Parties intending to be legally bound have executed this Amendment as of the dates set forth below, in multiple counterparts, each of which is deemed an original, but all of which shall constitute one and the same instrument.

Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink QC: By: <u></u> Name: <u>L. T. Christensen</u> Title: <u>Director - Wholesale Contracts</u> Date: <u>12/30/13</u>	dishNET Wireline, L.L.C.: By: <u></u> Name: <u>Robert Olsen</u> Title: <u>Director</u> Date: <u>12/27/13</u>
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DISH Media Holdings Corporation, as Guarantor: By: <u></u> Name: <u>Robert Olsen</u> Title: <u>Director</u> Date: <u>12/27/13</u>

**AMENDMENT NUMBER THREE TO
CENTURYLINK™ LOCAL SERVICES PLATFORM ("CLSP™") AGREEMENT**

ATTACHMENT 1

The Cumulative Volume Growth Requirements Table in Section 3.3.1 of Attachment 2 to the Agreement will be removed and replaced with the following Table:

Cumulative Volume Growth Requirements Table

Start Date	End Date	Cumulative Growth Req.
Amendment Effective Date	1 Year after Amendment Effective Date	7,337
Amendment Effective Date	2 Years after Amendment Effective Date	19,537
Amendment Effective Date	3 Years after Amendment Effective Date	30,517

Section 3.3.3 of the Agreement will be removed in its entirety and replaced with the following:

3.3.3 Shortfall Calculations. If CLEC fails to meet the Cumulative Volume Growth Requirement for a particular Measurement Period, CLEC must pay CenturyLink a shortfall charge according to the terms of this Agreement regarding payment, calculated as follows:

The Cumulative Volume Growth Requirement minus [the sum of the CLSP Volumes on the End Date minus the CLSP Volumes on the Start Date] multiplied by \$48.00 per line.

Example: CLEC has 7,337 lines in service at the end of Year 1. CLEC has 19,037 lines in service on May 31, 2014. Growth during this Measurement Period equals 11,700 lines, which equals a 500-line shortage under the 19,537 Cumulative Volume Growth Requirements for the Measurement Period. CLEC will be invoiced a Cumulative Volume Commitment Shortfall Charge of \$24,000, payable according to the normal payment terms of this Agreement.

However, at CLEC's request, CLEC may use Over-Performance DSL line count not previously used as CLSP offset as CLSP line count in the CLSP shortfall line count calculations.

Section 3.3.5.1 of the Agreement will be removed in its entirety and replaced with the following:

3.3.5.1 Calculation of Conversion Ratio. CLEC and CenturyLink will implement a mutually agreed upon process for designating New Signups and Conversions when CLEC submits orders under this Agreement, the resale provisions of the Parties' Interconnection Agreements and the CenturyLink Broadband for Resale Agreement, as amended by the Parties. Based on the designation process, CenturyLink will, at each End Date, calculate the number of Conversions from the Effective Date of Amendment Number One to the Agreement to the applicable End Date and divide that number by the total number of End User Customers who have begun to receive the Services and/or services under the CenturyLink Broadband for Resale Agreement during the applicable Measurement Period and multiply by one hundred percent (100%), using a count of unduplicated End User Customers. The result of that calculation will be referred to as the, "Conversion Ratio." If the Conversion Ratio is more than 40% in any Measurement Period, for those End User Customers that are Conversions instead of New Signups that increase the Conversion Ratio to more than 40%, CenturyLink will track any purchases associated with those End User Customers under this Agreement and remove such associated purchases from being counted towards CLEC's Cumulative Volume Growth Requirement for the applicable End Date. For the purpose of measuring the Conversion Ratio for Year 2 and Year 3 under this amended agreement, only those orders issued January 1, 2014 and later shall be counted.

The Rate Sheets will be amended with the rates in Exhibit A incorporated into this Attachment 1 and superseding the applicable rates in the existing Rate Sheet.

CenturyLink™ Local Services Platform (CLSP™) Rate Page - Arizona
VCP Amendment

Exhibit A

	USOC	Reporting	Non-Recurring	Notes
109.11 Local Switching Purchased As Part of CLSP™				
109.11.1 Ports, Basic Plan				
109.11.1.1 Analog Port		\$10.65		
109.11.1.2 Residential end user credit	LAWUR	(\$8.42)		7
109.11.1.3 Effective CLSP™ Residential Analog Port		\$2.23		8
109.11.1.4 Digital Port (Supporting BRI ISDN)		\$18.59		
109.11.1.5 PBX DID Port		\$11.53		
109.11.2 Intentionally Blank				
109.11.3 Ports, If 90% YOY Volume Retention Plan Requirements Are Met				
109.11.3.1 Analog Port		\$9.59		
109.11.3.2 Analog Port, Residential end user credit	LAWUR	(\$7.36)		7
109.11.3.3 Effective CLSP™ Residential Analog Port		\$2.23		8
109.11.3.4 Digital Port (Supporting BRI ISDN)		\$18.59		
109.11.3.5 PBX DID Port		\$11.53		
109.11.4 Intentionally Blank				
109.11.5 Ports, If 115% YOY Volume Growth Plan Requirements Are Met				
109.11.5.1 Analog Port		\$7.46		
109.11.5.2 Analog Port, Residential end user credit	LAWUR	(\$5.23)		7
109.11.5.3 Effective CLSP™ Residential Analog Port		\$2.23		8
109.11.5.4 Digital Port (Supporting BRI ISDN)		\$18.59		
109.11.5.5 PBX DID Port		\$11.53		
109.23 CLSP™ Installation and Conversion Nonrecurring Charges (NRCs)				
109.23.1 Conversion Nonrecurring Charges				
109.23.1.1 CLSP™ Business, Centrex, PAL, and PBX Analog non-DID Trunks, Residential				
109.23.1.1.1 First Line (Mechanized)	URCCU		\$30.00	8
109.23.1.1.2 Each Additional Line (Mechanized)	URCCY		\$30.00	8
109.23.1.1.3 First Line (Manual)	URCCV		\$30.00	8
109.23.1.1.4 Each Additional Line (Manual)	URCCZ		\$30.00	8
109.23.2 Installation Nonrecurring Charges				
109.23.2.1 CLSP™ Business, Centrex, PAL, and PBX Analog non-DID Trunks, Residential				
109.23.2.1.1 First Line (Mechanized)	NHCRA		\$0.00	8
109.23.2.1.2 Each Additional Line (Mechanized)	NHCRC		\$0.00	8
109.23.2.1.3 First Line (Manual)	NHCRB		\$0.00	8
109.23.2.1.4 Each Additional Line (Manual)	NHCRD		\$0.00	8

Notes

- 7 Calculated Per VCP Amendment Residential Rate
- 8 Rate Negotiated as part of VCP Amendment